

Dear FCC,

I wish to comment on the Petition for Declaratory Ruling filed by the Consumer Bankers Association asking the Commission to preempt certain sections of the Wisconsin Statutes and Wisconsin Administrative Code as applied to interstate telephone calls. (Docket 02-278)

I have been on the Wisconsin Do Not Call List since it was implemented, and it has greatly improved my quality of life. I now finally feel like my dinnertime is my own, and that I am in charge of which businesses I talk to and when I want to talk to them--as it should be.

I do not want to be exposed to telemarketing calls simply because I have contacted a business for information (and have not asked for a return call). I also do not want to be exposed to telemarketing calls from a business's affiliates after contacting that one business. And I certainly do not want to be exposed to telemarketing calls for up to 18 months after cancelling services with a business. If I want or need to talk with that business again, I will call them.

Telemarketing calls constitute the number one consumer complaint in Wisconsin. I don't know about other states, but I would bet it's high on their lists, too. Wisconsin's leaders heard the citizens' voices loud and clear, and made our telemarketing law strong which has resulted in a Do Not Call program that works. The FCC now also needs to hear Wisconsin citizens' voices loud and clear: leave our law alone.

If anything would need to change, it should be that the FCC puts the interests of citizens and consumers ahead of those of telemarketers, and instead of weakening Wisconsin's law, it should strengthen its own regulations.

Thank you for considering my comments.